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SUBJECT: COMING TOGETHER FESTIVAL

1. TUNIS IS IN FOR A RARE TREAT WITH UPCOMING PERFORMANCES BY VANAVER/DRAPKIN. THIS DYNAMIC DUO HAS GIVEN FOUR OUTSTANDING CONCERTS IN GREECE AND ALREADY GAINED SIX ADDITIONAL CONCERT INVITATIONS FOR THEIR RETURN VISIT GREECE MID-DECEMBER. IN ADDITION TO BEING UNTIRING, FIRST-RATE PERFORMERS VANAVER/DRAPKIN SIMPLY DELIGHTFUL, WARM AND COOPERATIVE HUMAN BEINGS WHO'VE GAINED RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF ALL GREEKS WITH WHOM THEY'VE COME IN CONTACT.

2. FIRST PROGRAM DAY DUO SPENT FIVE HOURS RECORDING TV CONCERT WHICH WILL BE AIRED DEC. 13 THROUGHOUT GREECE. FOLLOWING THIS, GAVE 45-MINUTE CONCERT FOR 350 STUDENTS AT ATHENS COLLEGE AND ATTENDED RECEPTION IN DUO'S HONOR. PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO BNC, WHERE THEY ENTERTAINED AN AUDIENCE OF 400. RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR FOLLOWED.

3. SECOND PROGRAM DAY PERFORMED AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL THESSALONIKI FOR CROWD OF 300 MOST OF WHOM WERE YOUNG PEOPLE BUT WHICH IN-
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CLUDED DIRECTOR MUSICAL ACADEMY AND DIRECTOR ETHNOGRAPHIC

SOCIETY. AUDIENCE SHOOK THE RAFTERS WITH APPRECIATIVE APPLAUSE
AND DUO WERE FETED AT FARM SCHOOL RECEPTION, ATTENDED BY 100.

4. POST RECOMMENDS THESE HIGHLY TALENTED FOLK DANCERS/
MUSICIANS FOR USIS-SPONSORED PERFORMANCES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
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